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SUBJ: 14 CANDIDATES FOR SENIOR COUNSELLOR POST, CCIR (ITU)

1. CCIR DIRECTOR KIRBY REPORTS THAT THERE ARE 14 CANDIDATES--  
10 EXTERNAL AND FOUR IN-HOUR -- FOR POST OF SENIOR COUNSELLOR  
(D-1), CCIR, RECENTLY VACATED BY MIROSLAV JOACHIM,  
(CZECHOSLOVAKIA) WHO HAS RETURNED TO PRAGUE TO BECOME  
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH, MINISTRY OF PTT. KIRBY SAID APPLICA-  
TION DEADLINE WAS MARCH 3 AND THAT ITU COORDINATION  
COMMITTEE WILL AGREE ON SHORT LIST FOR POST AT ITS NEXT  
MEETING ON APRIL 7.

2. EXTERNAL CANDIDATES ARE FROM FOLLOWING COUNTRIES:  
PAKISTAN (2), UNITED KINGDOM (2), FRG, BELGIUM, EGYPT,  
HUNGARY, POLAND AND BULGARIA. INTERNAL CANDIDATES ARE FROM  
CCIR (2), IFRB AND GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

3. KIRBY UNCERTAIN AS TO SOVIET PREFERENCE AMONG THREE  
EASTERN EUROPEAN CANDIDATES: (1) J. RUTKOWSKI (POLAND)  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PTT MINISTRY; (2) L. GEORGIEV, (BULGARIA)  
DEPUTY MINISTER, MINISTRY INFORMATION AND PTT; AND (3)  
O. VILLANYI (HUNGARY), TITLE NOT KNOWN TO KIRBY AT THIS  
WRITING. VILLANYI WAS MEMBER OF HUNGARIAN DEL TO  
13TH CCIR PLENARY, 1974.

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4. KIRBY REPORTED THAT HE HAD ORIGINALLY THOUGHT

RUTKOWSKI (POLAND) WAS SOVIET CANDIDATE, BUT THAT NEW APPLICATION JUST RECEIVED FROM BULGARIAN DEPUTY MINISTER HAD LISTED V. CHAMCHINE (USSR) MEMBER O ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, AS A REFERENCE. KIRBY HAS NOT YET STUDIED APPLICATION OF HUNGARIAN CANDIDATE.

5. KIRBY ALSO NOTED THAT JOACHIM, PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE, HAD RECOMMENDED THAT YU7YUEH MAO (PRC), A P-5 AND CHIEF, POINT TO POINT SERVICES, CCIR, BE PROMOTED TO SUCCEED HIM. ASKED TO COMMENT ON THIS NOMINATION, V. A. IACHINE (USSR MISSION, GENEVA) WHO ALSO CALLED ON KIRBY NOT LONG AGO REGARDING CCIR WORK IN GENERAL, NOTED, IRONICALLY, THAT SUCH A NOMINATION WAS NOT SO UNUSUAL COMING FROM JOACHIM, IMPLYING THAT LATTER WAS KNOWN FOR SCHEMING AND MACHINATIONS. KIRBY INFORMED TEL ATT, HOWEVER, THAT MAO ALTHOUGH NOW HOLDING A PRC PASSPORT, IS NOT FORMAL PRC CANDIDATE. KIRBY BELIEVES PRC FEELS MAO HAS BEEN HERE TOO LONG -- E.E., WAS A FORMER ROC-DESIGNATED OFFICER- AND IS NOT, THEREFORE, A BONA FIDE MEMBER OF THE PRC TEAM.

6. KIRBY REPORTED, FURTHER, THAT HE HAD HAD THE CALL OF G. S. KOZYRITSKI (SOVIET MISSION, GENEVA) SOME TIME BACK URIGING HIM TO PROMOTE SERGE SVIRIDENKO (USSR) OF CCIR STAFFFF FROM P-4 TO P-5. KIRBY HAD REPLIED THAT OTHERS ON HIS STAFF, A. BOYLE (AUSTRALIA), FOR EXAMPLE, ALSO A P-4 IN SAME SECTION AS SVIRIDENKO, DESERVED TO BE PROMOTED AS WELL. KOZYRITSKI THEN PROPOSED THAT BOTH SVIRIDENKO AND BOYLE BE PROMOTED TO P-5 AND THAT THE D-1 SLOT FOR SENIOR COUNSELLOR, PREVIOUSLY FILLED BY JOACHIM, BE ABOLISHED TO FINANCE THE P-5 PROMOTIONS RECOMMENDED. KIRBY DID NOT BUY THIS SOLUTION.

7. MISSION WILL REPORT RESULTS OF APRIL 7 COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING.  
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